

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

In re:

23ANDME HOLDING CO., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Case No. 25-40976-357

Chapter 11

(Jointly Administered)

Hearing Date: March 26, 2025

Hearing Time: 12:00 p.m.

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**INTERIM ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS
TO (A) PAY CERTAIN PREPETITION EMPLOYEE WAGES
AND BENEFITS AND (B) CONTINUE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAMS
AND PAY RELATED OBLIGATIONS AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Upon the motion (the “Motion”)² of the Debtors for entry of an interim order (this “Interim Order”) (a) authorizing the Debtors to (i) pay certain prepetition wages and benefits and (ii) continue employee benefits programs in the ordinary course of their business, including payment of certain prepetition obligations related thereto, and (b) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon consideration of the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334 and rule 9.01(B) of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant

¹ A complete list of each of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained on the website of the Debtors’ proposed claims and noticing agent at <https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/23andMe>. The Debtors’ service address for purposes of these chapter 11 cases is: 870 Market Street, Room 415, San Francisco, CA 94102.

² Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is GRANTED on an interim basis as set forth herein.
2. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, pursuant to sections 105(a), 363(b), and 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code to (a) pay, in their discretion, obligations incurred, directly or indirectly, under or relating to the Compensation and Benefits, related expenses, and all fees and costs incident to the foregoing, including amounts owed to third-party administrators and providers and taxing authorities; and (b) continue and/or modify, change, or discontinue, in their discretion, the Compensation and Benefits and to implement new programs, policies, and benefits in the ordinary course of business and in accordance with the Debtors' prepetition policies and practices and the terms of this Interim Order on a postpetition basis, and without the need for further Court approval, subject to applicable law; *provided*, however, that, pending entry of a final order on the Motion, any payments made pursuant to the foregoing clauses (a) and (b) collectively shall not exceed \$6,547,000 in the aggregate.

3. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to forward any unpaid amounts on account of Withholding Obligations to the appropriate third-party recipients or taxing authorities in accordance with the Debtors' prepetition policies and practices.

4. The Debtors shall not (a) honor any prepetition Compensation and Benefits to any individual that exceeds the priority amounts set forth in sections 507(a)(4) and 507(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code nor (b) pay any amounts to "insiders" of the Debtors as that term is defined in section 101(31) of the Bankruptcy Code under any bonus, severance, incentive, or retention plan, in each case, except upon further order of this Court.

5. Pursuant to section 362(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, the automatic stay is modified solely to the extent necessary to allow Employees to proceed with their claims under the Workers' Compensation Program in the appropriate judicial or administrative forum, and Employees are authorized to so proceed, and the notice requirements pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 4001(a) with respect thereto are waived. The Debtors are authorized to continue the Workers' Compensation Program and pay all prepetition amounts relating thereto in the ordinary course of business. The modification of the automatic stay set forth in this paragraph pertains solely to claims under the Workers' Compensation Program in accordance with the Debtors' prepetition policies and practices.

6. The Banks are authorized, when requested by the Debtors, in the Debtors' discretion, to honor and process checks or electronic fund transfers drawn on the Debtors' bank accounts to pay prepetition obligations authorized to be paid hereunder, whether such checks or other requests were submitted prior to, or after, the Petition Date; *provided* that sufficient funds are available in the applicable bank accounts to make such payments. The Banks may rely on the representations of the Debtors with respect to whether any check or other transfer drawn or issued

by the Debtors prior to the Petition Date should be honored pursuant to this Interim Order, and any such Bank shall not have any liability to any party for relying on such representations by the Debtors, as provided for in this Interim Order.

7. The Debtors are authorized to issue postpetition checks, or to effect postpetition fund transfer requests, in replacement of any checks or fund transfer requests that are dishonored as a consequence of these chapter 11 cases with respect to prepetition amounts owed in connection with any amounts owed in connection with the relief granted herein.

8. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Motion or herein, any payment to be made hereunder, and any authorization contained herein, shall be subject to and in accordance with any orders, as applicable, authorizing or approving any postpetition debtor-in-possession financing or use of cash collateral for the Debtors (such orders, the “DIP Order”) and any budget in connection with any such postpetition debtor-in-possession financing or use of cash collateral authorized therein. To the extent there is any inconsistency between the terms of the DIP Order and any action taken or proposed to be taken hereunder, the terms of the DIP Order shall control.

9. Notwithstanding the relief granted herein and any actions taken pursuant to such relief, nothing in this Interim Order shall be deemed: (a) an admission as to the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim against a Debtor entity under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable law; (b) a waiver of the Debtors’ or any other party in interest’s right to dispute any claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any claim; (d) an implication or admission that any particular claim is of a type specified or defined in the Motion or any order granting the relief requested by the Motion or a finding that any particular claim is an administrative expense claim or other priority claim; (e) a request or authorization to assume, adopt, or reject any agreement,

contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtors' estates; (g) a waiver or limitation of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law; (h) a waiver of the obligation of any party in interest to file a proof of claim; or (i) a concession by the Debtors that any liens (contractual, common law, statutory, or otherwise) that may be satisfied pursuant to the relief requested in the Motion are valid, and the rights of all parties in interest are expressly reserved to contest the extent, validity, or perfection of, or seek avoidance of, all such liens.

10. The contents of the Motion satisfy the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b).

11. Notice of the Motion as provided therein is hereby deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion, and the requirements of the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

12. Notwithstanding any Bankruptcy Rule to the contrary, the terms and conditions of this Interim Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

13. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Interim Order in accordance with the Motion.

14. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Interim Order.

15. No later than two business days after the date of this Interim Order, the Debtors shall serve on the Notice Parties (a) a copy of the Interim Order and (b) a notice scheduling a final hearing on the Motion, on April 22, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. (prevailing Central Time), and shall file a certificate of service no later than 24 hours after service. If no objections to entry of a final order

on the Motion are timely received, the Court may enter such final order without need for the final hearing.

Dated: March 26, 2025
St. Louis, Missouri
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Brian C. Walsh
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